

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

28 December 1965

1. I approved of Jack Earman's taking annual leave until Monday, 3 January.

2. Hank Knoche and I had a meeting with [redacted] about the general subject of using computer techniques in the dissemination of cables and the effect this might have on those components of the Agency serviced by the Cable Secretariat. It seemed to us that there is no question of whether we should proceed on the assumption that we would use computers since this will be almost essential to accommodate the stepped-up flow of traffic which the Signal Center will turn out with its automatic switching device. We asked [redacted] to make a study of the impact, changes in operating procedures, etc., which would be involved for the consumer components. We made certain suggestions about how he might do this but gave him a blank check to get the job done in the way he thought best.

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3. I reminded [redacted] that the Director had levied a requirement on John Clarke to ensure NPIC produces bi-weekly reports on its workload for our use in providing a better justification for increased personnel and funds than we have been able to give in the past.

4. Bob Fuchs called to request further guidance on the format of the report on travel by employees in grades GS-15 and above.

5. I talked with Dick Helms again about our R&D problem and told him that each day which goes by convinces me more and more that we need some kind of central coordinating authority. I believe that Dick's decision hinges on Bud Wheelon's final decision on whether to stay with the Agency. If Bud is going to stay for the reasonably foreseeable future, I believe Dick will give him the necessary authority. If he decides not to stay, some other course of action is probably in the cards. We agreed to "ad hoc" the coordination, assuming of course that Admiral Raborn will stand still until Bud has made up his mind, which he has agreed to do hopefully not later than 1 February.

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